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TITLE: MEANS FOR PROTECTING AN AUTOMATIC MONEY HANDLING MACHINE OR
A COMPUTER

Preliminary Amendment: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-14 have been canceled and re-presented in U.S. format.

Claims 1-14 (canceled)

15. (Re-presented Claim 1) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine,
comprising:

an upper surface of said automatic money handling machine being formed flat;

a base plate; and

a housing space for housing said automatic money handling machine being formed
under said base plate, said base plate having an opening through which said automatic money
handling machine is passed, said opening continuing to said housing space, said automatic money
handling machine being usually held over said opening by a supporting means so as to protrude
above said base plate.

16. (Re-presented Claim 1) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine,
according to Claim 15, further comprising:

a supporting means with a cancelable supporting function, said automatic money handling machine dropping downwardly into said housing space so as not to protrude above said base plate when the supporting function of said supporting means is canceled.

17. (Re-presented Claim 2) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, according to Claim 15, wherein said automatic money handling machine is surrounded by a protection wall fixed on said base plate.

18. (Re-presented Claim 4) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, according to Claim 15, further comprising:

a vertically moving means for vertically moving said automatic money handling machine between a position in which said automatic money handling machine is held over said opening so as to protrude above said base plate and another position in which said automatic money handling machine is housed within said housing space so as not to protrude above said base plate.

19. (Re-presented Claim 3) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, according to Claim 16, wherein said automatic money handling machine is comprised of a building.

20. (Re-presented Claim 5) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, according to Claim 17, wherein said automatic money handling machine is comprised of a building.

21. (Re-presented Claim 6) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, according to Claim 18, wherein said automatic money handling machine is comprised of a building.

22. (Re-presented Claim 7) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising:

a protection container disposed near said automatic money handling machine, said automatic money handling machine being movable into said protection container.

23. (Re-presented Claim 8) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, according to Claim 16, wherein said automatic money handling machine is comprised of a money container with a flat upper surface and wherein said automatic money handling machine is installed on said base plate.

24. (Re-presented Claim 9) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, according to Claim 18, wherein said automatic money handling machine is comprised of a money container with a flat upper surface and wherein said automatic money handling machine is installed on said base plate.

25. (Re-presented Claim 10) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising:

a money container of said automatic money handling machine; and

a money conveying means connecting said money container with said automatic money handling machine.

26. (Re-presented Claim 10) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, according to Claim 25, wherein said money container is disposed in a place away from said automatic money handling machine

27. (Re-presented Claim 11) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, according to Claim 25, wherein said money container is disposed in the ground on the outside of said automatic money handling machine.

~~28~~ 26. (Re-presented Claim 12) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising:

a base plate; and

a housing space for housing said automatic money handling machine being formed under said base plate, said base plate having an opening through which said automatic money handling machine is passed, said opening continuing to said housing space, said automatic money handling machine being usually held over said opening by a supporting means so that said automatic money handling machine protrudes above said base plate and the bottom of said automatic money handling machine is higher than said base plate.

29 27. (Re-presented Claim 12) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, according to Claim 26, further comprising:

a supporting means with a cancelable supporting function, said automatic money handling machine dropping downwardly into said housing space so as not to protrude above said base plate when the supporting function of said supporting means is canceled, said automatic money handling machine being surrounded by a wall, a part of said wall being adapted to cover said opening after said automatic money handling machine drops downwardly into said housing space.

30 28. (Re-presented Claim 13) A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, according to Claim 26, further comprising:

a vertically moving means for vertically moving said automatic money handling machine between said position and another position in which said automatic money handling machine is housed within said housing space so as not to protrude above said base plate, said automatic money handling machine being surrounded by a wall, a part of said wall being adapted to cover said opening after said automatic money handling machine moves downwardly into said housing space.

31 29. (Re-presented Claim 14) A means for protecting a computer, comprising:

a base plate; and
a housing space for housing said computer being formed under said base plate, said base plate having an opening through which said computer is passed, said opening continuing to said housing space, said computer being usually held over said opening so as to protrude above said base

plate, a vertically moving means for vertically moving said computer between a position in which said computer is held over said opening so as to protrude above said base plate and another position in which said computer is housed within said housing space so as not to protrude above said base plate, a protection plate being disposed near said opening, said protection plate being adapted to cover said opening after said computer moves downwardly into said housing space.